

ROBOT x LASERBEAM

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Robato Hatohara, a stupidly serious, creepily thorough and socially clueless high school boy, appears to have no interest in anything—including joining his friend Tomoya in the golf club. But when it's discovered that his perfect accuracy and calculations enable him to golf like a practiced professional, will he be able to escape playing golf?

PREVIOUSLY IN *ROBOT x LASERBEAM*:

After Robato Hatohara demonstrates his perfect swing, famous high school golfer Yozan Miura declares him to be his rival! But for their rivalry to actually grow, Robo needs to join the golf club and become a regular. A second-year student and regular, Rion Osanai, takes Robo under his wing to accomplish this goal and help him get a score of 70 before the training camp. Robo survives the athletic training for the team, but his score isn't good enough to compete in the training camp. But then Kyosuke Suzaku, a.k.a. "the Emperor," appears and challenges Robo to play against him in the practice match! The match begins, and Robo is losing by only a little. But then Suzaku hits his ball into what appears to be an impossible-to-recover spot, only to make a perfect lob shot right into the hole! Meanwhile, the second-years gear up for their own matches as Rion tees off against the loudmouth Takeshi. But right behind him is the nonchalant, seemingly cool Karasuma and his monstrous opponent Kaoru Sejima. Karasuma is behind on his score, but the Wedge Wizard's got a few tricks up his sleeve and manages to get an eagle. As the match reaches the halfway point, the coach suddenly reveals that Robo's score will count in the practice match, putting the entire team at risk of losing!



ROBATO HATOHARA



RION OSANAI



KYOSUKE SUZAKU



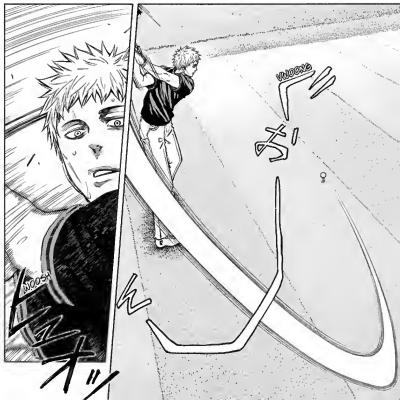
SOTA KARASUMA



KAORU SEJIMA



Round 21: Strategy





OOOH!
HE GOT
IT IN THE
CENTER OF
THE
FAIRWAY!

AND HE
GOT A
LOT OF
DISTANCE
ON IT!



...AT THE
SAME TIME,
IT'S EASIER
TO HAVE A
BAD SMASH
FACTOR AND
HARDER TO
CONTROL.

A
LONG
DRIVER
WILL
INCREASE
THE CARRY
DISTANCE
BUT...

BUT...



*Smash factor: Ball speed divided by clubhead speed. It essentially measures how much power is transferred from club to ball.

HE'S...
REALLY
GOOD!



HE USED
THE CLUB'S
MOMENTUM
AND DIDN'T
WASTE ANY
STRENGTH.

CAN
WE JUST
FINISH
THIS
ALREADY?

HAHA
...

IT'S
HOT.

I
FEEL
SLUG-
GISH.

Toma Kagezawa
Tohoku International
High School
Third-Year
Best Score: 65



[Divot]

A golf club iron is swung so that the very bottom point is just below the ball. When the pros on TV hit the ball and dig up the turf, it doesn't necessarily mean they've duffed the shot.



THAT'S A LOT OF POWER!

WOW, LOOK AT THAT DIVOT!



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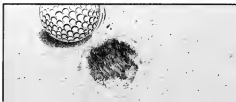


OH WELL, EVEN SO, I'VE STILL GOTTA DELIVER A GOOD SCORE.

IT'S A LITTLE BORING WITH HIRAGI OUT OF THE GAME, BUT...



Daigo Munakata
Tohoku International
High School
Third-Year
Captain
Best Score: 64





AT TOHOKU
INTERNATIONAL,
ONE OF THE MANY
CONDITIONS TO
BECOME A
REGULAR...

...IS TO
BE ABLE TO
HIT THE BALL
300 YARDS
WITH A
DRIVER.



IT'S A SKILL
NECESSARY
TO BE A
TOP PRO.

IN FACT,
BACK IN
THE DAY, A
300-YARD
DRIVE WAS
CONSIDERED
REALLY FAR.

BUT
THESE
DAYS,
THEY'RE
NOT ALL
THAT RARE.



...OR
THE
CLUB...

NO
MATTER
THE
TECH-
NIQUE
...

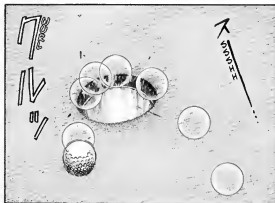
IT'S ALL
ABOUT
MAKING
THE BALL
FLY.

...THE
POWER
...

ALL THE
REGULARS
ARE
AGGRESSIVE
PLAYERS WHO
POSSESS
MAJOR FIRE-
POWER.

ALL SO
THAT YOU
CAN GET
A BIRDIE.

THAT'S
WHY
TOHOKU
INTER-
NATIONAL
IS THE
BEST.

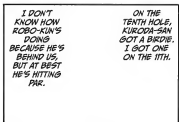




...THAT'S
EXACTLY WHY
IT'S SO HARD
TO CATCH UP!

WHAT HE'S
DOING IS
SIMPLE
ENOUGH,
BUT...

HITTING THE
BALL FARTHER →
LANDING IT
CLOSE TO THE
CUP →
AIMING
FOR A BIRDIE...



Tahaku International		Eial Academy	
Takeshi Fuwa	-2	VS	-1 Rian Osanal
Tama Kagezawa	-1	VS	-1 Gen Kuroda
Dolgo Munakata	-1	VS	Retired Shintaro Hiragi
Kaoru Sejima	~~E~~	VS	-3 Sota Karasuma
Kyosuke Suzuki	-4	VS	+3 Robalo Hatahara
TOTAL		TOTAL	
-8		-2	

MEANING THAT THE CURRENT SITUATION PROBABLY LOOKS LIKE THIS.



WE
CAN'T
CATCH
UP...!!









SHWOOD

USUALLY WITH
A DRIVE, NO
MATTER HOW
FAST YOU
SWING, YOU
NEVER USE
100 PERCENT
OF YOUR
STRENGTH.

IF YOU DO, YOU
WOULDN'T BE ABLE
TO CONTROL
THE DIRECTION
OF THE BALL
AND YOU WOULDN'T
KNOW WHERE
IT'LL END UP.

ROBO...
YOU'RE
CRAZY!

BUT...

...IT
FLEW
OVER
300
YARDS!

SO
CLOSE!
THE
ROUGH
IS JUST
TO THE
RIGHT.

BAM

WHAT AN
AMAZING
SHOT!

IT
PUTS THE
EMPEROR
TO SHAME!

WHOOAAA!

WURU

SO FAR, HIS
SHOTS HAVE
ALL HAPPENED
TO LAND IN
PRETTY DECENT
SPOTS, BUT...

...IT WOULDN'T
BE A SURPRISE
IF THE NEXT
ONE LANDS
IN THE TREE
OR OB!

BUT ALL THIS
TIME HE'S BEEN
SWINGING AT
100 PERCENT
STRENGTH,
IF NOT 120
PERCENT.

*Out-of-bounds: When the ball lands outside of the course, the player receives a one-stroke penalty.

SHR
オッ...

...HE CAN
WATCH THE
BALL HIT BY
THE PLAYER
WHO GOES
BEFORE HIM
AND ANALYZE
THINGS SUCH
AS THE WIND.

IF HE
CAN HIT HIS
FIRST BALL
FARTHER
THAN
ANYONE
ELSE...

...IF HE
SUCCEEDS,
THE
REWARDS
WILL BE
GREAT.

BUT...

CAN YOU
REALLY
KEEP
THAT
UP..?

HE MUST'VE
CONSIDERED
ALL THAT IN
ORDER TO
MAKE UP FOR
HIS WEAKNESS—
HIS LACK OF
EXPERIENCE.

THEN, IF HE
CAN PUT WHAT
HE OBSERVES
TO USE AND
GET HIS BALL
TO THE INSIDE
OF THE OTHER
PLAYER'S, WITH
HIS SECOND
SHOT...

...HE CAN
SEE THE
LINE FOR
THE PUTT.



?
I'M
TRYING
TO WIN.

WITH THE KIND OF
HALF-BAKED TRAINING
YOU'VE GOTTEN,
COMMITTING YOUR
WHOLE BODY TO A
GOLF SWING GEARED
FOR IMPACT ISN'T
SOMETHING YOU
CAN KEEP UP TO
THE VERY END.

WHAT YOU'RE
DOING IS
DANGEROUS,
AND YOU
RISK SELF-
DESTRUCTING.



JUST WHAT
ARE YOU
TRYING TO
DO? YOU'RE
MAKING ME
DOUBT YOUR
SANITY.